

CLEVELAND INDIANS  
**MEDIA GUIDE**



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**The Cleveland Indians family lost two very dear members in 2002...  
legendary pitcher and coach Mel Harder, and  
beloved long-time trainer Jimmy Warfield.**

Harder passed away at the age of 93 on October 20, 2002 in Chardon, OH. Mel's pitching career spanned twenty seasons from 1928-47, the most ever by an Indian. He compiled a career pitching record of 223-186 with a 3.80 ERA in 582 games, 433 of which were starts (3426.1IP, 3706H, 1447ER, 1161SO). He remains the franchise's all-time leader in appearances (582) and ranks second to Bob Feller in innings (3426.1IP), wins (223) and starts (433). He led the American League in ERA in 1933 (2.95) and shutouts (6) in 1934 and finished 2nd in 1935 with 22 wins. He won twenty or more games in 1934 and 1935.

After the end of his playing career, Mel went on to be the Tribe's Pitching Coach for sixteen more seasons from 1948-63. His 36 years in uniform is unsurpassed in Cleveland Indians history. Following his days with the Indians Mel served as Pitching Coach for the New York Mets, Cincinnati Reds, Kansas City Royals, and

Chicago Cubs before retiring in 1969. Mel remained in Northeast Ohio after his retirement, living in Chardon, OH. He did countless community appearances for the ballclub over the

last thirty years and had a field dedicated in his honor in his hometown of Chardon in 2000.

Harder, who pitched the first game in Cleveland Stadium in 1932, tossed the ground-breaking ceremonial first pitch in Jacobs Field along with Charles Nagy in 1992. He was also named to the club's Top 100 All Century Team in 2001. During the 2003 season, Indians players will wear #18 on their right sleeve. The number was retired in Harder's honor in 1990.



Jimmy Warfield passed away on July 16, 2002 after a brief illness. Jimmy served as the Tribe's head trainer from 1971-96. He was on the training staff for 32 seasons (1971-2002), joining the organization in 1969 as a trainer at AA Waterbury.

Jimmy did more than just tape ankles and diagnose injuries; he was a man of incredible character with a passion for life, a zest to make

others feel special in their own way, and a consistent and unparalleled genuineness.

He touched countless lives during his 60 years on earth. From the 587 players, 62 coaches and 14 managers who walked through the training room door in Cleveland Stadium and Jacobs

Field, and were met day-in and day-out with a smile and a pat on the back, to the clubhouse attendants and guards around the league (home and road) who he always greeted by name.

Well-respected among his peers, Warfield was honored as the trainer for the 1981 American League All-Star team and also the 1997 All-Star Game. In 1992, along with partner Paul Spicuzza, the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society honored him as the "Baseball Trainer of the Year." He was a man whose professionalism and dedication were only exceeded by his strength of character and limitless generosity.

Following his death, the ballclub renamed the training room in his honor and— with his wife, Linda, and son, Jordan— established a financial aid scholarship program for students studying athletic training at Penn State and Ohio State Universities. To date the fund has raised over \$120,000.

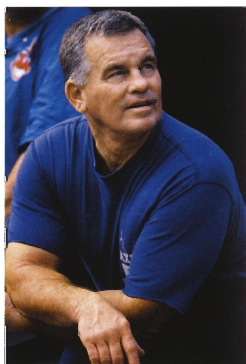


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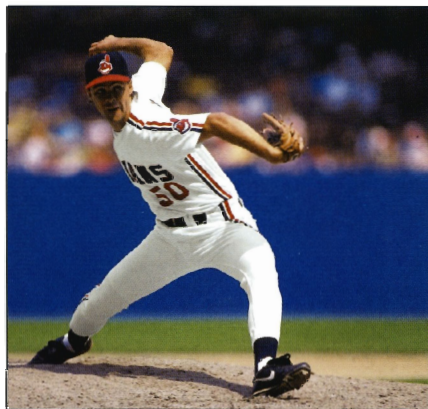
DICK JACOBS

Diego for Joe Carter. Alomar became Cleveland's fourth Rookie of the Year. Struggles continued, including a club record 105 losses in 1991, but progress was made as the improved farm system began to produce winning talent.

On the road to Cleveland's new baseball fortunes would be a nostalgic curtain call at Cleveland Stadium in 1993. But, tragedy found Tribe baseball again on March 22 in a boating accident on Little Lake Nellie in Clermont, Florida. Steve Olin and Tim Crews were fatally injured and Bob Ojeda was seriously injured. Led by manager Mike Hargrove, the Indians battled through an emotional season. Attendance at the Stadium topped two million fans for the first time since 1949, climbing over two million during "The Final Series" when Cleveland hosted Chicago in the final baseball games at Cleveland Stadium.



CARLOS BAERGA



STEVE OLIN

Cleveland's new, state-of-the-art ballpark, Jacobs Field signaled that the Indians intended to be a baseball force again. The new look organization attracted two key free agents, both ex-Orioles, in Pitcher Dennis Martinez and First Baseman Eddie Murray. Martinez and Murray were accustomed to winning. These veterans joined an emerging young powerhouse featuring Alomar, Baerga, Kenny Lofton (swiped by Hart from Houston in a 1991 trade) and Cleveland farm products Albert Belle, Jim Thome, Manny Ramirez, and pitcher Charles Nagy. The Tribe slugged its way into a first place battle with the White Sox in the new A.L. Central, only to have the excitement halted by a players' strike starting August 12. The player-owner dispute wiped out the rest of the season and all post-season play.

When play began in 1995 (after 18 games of the 1995 schedule were lost before players and owners finally came together on a new agreement), the Indians fashioned one of the great seasons in baseball history, winning the club's first championship since 1954 and running away with the A.L. Central by a MLB record 30 games. In Tribe history, only the 1954 Indians won more games or had a higher winning per-centage than the 1995 club. Cleveland's offensive jug-gernaut was matched with outstanding pitching, bolstered by the acquisition of free agent Orel Hershisier. For the first time since 1968, Cleveland's pitching led the A.L. in

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DENNIS MARTINEZ AND OREL HERSHISER

ERA. Belle became the first player ever to combine 50 2B and 50 HR in the same season and the first to collect 100 EB hits in a season since Stan Musial in 1948. Jose Mesa, another former Oriole acquired by Hart in '92 in exchange for a minor leaguer, was force-fed into the closer roll and responded with a near perfect 46 saves (a club record) in 48 chances. Cleveland swept past Boston in the A.L. Division Series and dispatched Seattle in the A.L. Championship Series. Only the overpowering pitching of the Atlanta Braves kept Cleveland from an absolute dream season as Atlanta, making its third World Series appearance in five years, shutdown the Tribe in six games.

Cleveland fans showed unprecedented support for a MLB club by selling out the entire 1996 season prior to opening day. The Tribe proved its 1995 season was no fluke by winning another 99 games (best in the majors for the second straight year), again leading the A.L. in batting average and ERA, and capturing another A.L. Central Championship with relative ease, despite a disappointing season from free agent acquisition and expected pitching ace Jack McDowell. Belle and Lofton became the club's

all-time leaders in HR and SB, respectively. The post season was a different story as the Orioles shocked Cleveland by winning the A.L. Division series in four games. Hart and company proved able to retool on the fly in 1997. After losing Belle to the White Sox via free agency, Hart acquired slugger Matt Williams via trade. Another daring deal, just prior to opening day, sent free agent to be Lofton to the Braves and brought outfielders Marquis Grissom and David Justice to Cleveland. Cleveland struggled to a third straight division title with a record of 86-75 (second worst of any 1997 playoff team). The post season was another story. Led by Alomar, who had a storybook season, Cleveland embarked on one of the most exciting months



SANDY ALOMAR



KENNY LOFTON AND MIKE HARGROVE

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The Jacobs Era of Indians baseball ended in February 2000 when Lawrence J. Dolan and family trusts acquired all outstanding stock in the Cleveland Indians Baseball Company, Inc. The first year of the Dolan era of Indians baseball was one of the most exciting in club history, despite the end of Cleveland's run of division titles. Cleveland's first true race for a post-season berth since 1959 ended on the final day of the regular season when Seattle edged the Indians for the AL Wild Card. Cleveland reached the 90-win mark (90-72) for the fourth time in six seasons. Free agent acquisition Chuck Finley tied Dave Burba for the club high in wins (16). Cleveland's sell out streak reached 454 consecutive games (ended at 455 in 2001) and Cleveland led MLB in attendance for the first time since 1948.

In 2001 the Indians returned to the top of the central division standings, sporting a record of 91-71 to garner their 6th AL Central Division flag in 7 seasons since 1995. Jim Thome hit the most homers in club history by a left-handed hitter (49) with a career high 124 RBI and Juan Gonzalez, in his only year with the Indians, added 140 RBI. Twenty-one year old sensation CC Sabathia, the Tribe's #1 pick in the 1998 draft, won a team-high 17 games and came in 2nd in the AL Rookie of the Year balloting.

The success of the 1990s, which included 8 straight seasons from 1994-2001, caught up to the innovative Mark Shapiro after he replaced John Hart on November 1, 2001 after Hart's 11 seasons at the helm. Years of picking late in the first round and a depleted farm system - from the trades of upper level prospects to keep the major league team at championship-level in the late 1990s - finally caught up to the Indians and Shapiro in 2002. The Indians stumbled to a 74-88 record and a third place AL Central



CHARLIE MANUEL AND LARRY DOLAN

finish in 2002 as Joel Skinner managed the club in the second half after Charlie Manuel was removed in his third season at the helm. Individually the season was highlighted by Jim Thome's single-season club record of 52 homers in his final year with the Tribe, departing with a career-record total of 334 home runs as an Indian.

The silver-lining to 2002 was the creativeness Shapiro and his staff showed at mid-season by trading veteran players for upper level prospects. Shapiro, in trades involving Paul Shuey, Bartolo Colon, Chuck Finley and others, infused over 20 upper level prospects into the organization in order to insure the next sustained championship run for the Cleveland Indians organization, its vibrant fan-base and state-of-the-art ballpark, Jacobs Field.



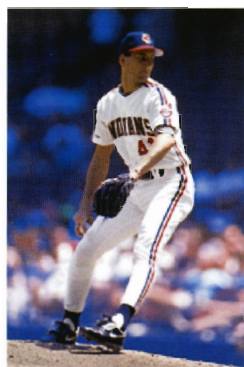
OMAR VIZQUEL



toward the more traditional look in baseball uniforms. One might say that the Cleveland Indians had finally rescued their sanity for the 1986 season in their new uniform selection. The same INDIANS lettering style was preserved from 1985, but now it was the basic all-white at home and all-gray for traveling. Buttons on the shirts and separate belts on the trousers were



MIKE HARGROVE  
1981 HOME



CHARLES NAGY  
1991 HOME

Cleveland Stadium in 1993, the Indians in tribute to the tragic deaths of Steve Olin and Tim Crews in spring training, wore a baseball patch on their uniforms featuring both of their numbers the entire season.

The Indians donned new uniforms during the '94 campaign, their inaugural season at their new baseball-only jewel Jacobs Field. The home jersey was solid white with red piping one half inch from the bottom of the sleeve, buttons down the front outlined by red piping, and featured red INDIANS script lettering on the front

the new "old" look. The Indians' logo returned on the new caps.

In 1989, the uniform was modified to feature red, white and blue shoulder stripes from the neck to sleeve ends and piping running the length of the uniform on both sides from under the armpit to the bottom of the pants. In the final year of



CARLOS BAERGA  
1994 HOME

and the Indians' logo on the left sleeve. The pants were solid white with red, white, and navy piping down both sides. The road uniform duplicated the home but was solid grey with navy piping outlining buttons and featured script CLEVELAND on the front. The Indians also mixed in a new alternative navy blue jersey with script INDIANS and white piping outlining the buttoned front. The Tribe continued to use the navy blue hat, with red brim, and the Indians' logo on the front at home, but introduced a road hat, which was all navy with the Indians' logo on the front.

The blue jerseys were selected so often by the players that they introduced a second alternative navy blue jersey in 1998 for the road with script CLEVELAND and red piping outlining the buttoned front.

Throughout the Jacobs Field Era the Indians have worn a second patch on the right sleeve commemorating various events such as the Jacobs Field Inaugural Season, A.L. Champs, All-Star Game, Division Champions and the A.L. 100th Anniversary.

The Indians introduced new uniforms during the 2002 season, highlighted by the addition of the color silver and a sleeveless home vest worn during Opening Day, Holidays, and weekend games. The solid



EINAR DIAZ, JOEL SKINNER, LEN BARKER, AND  
JOE CHARBONEAU DEBUTING THE CURRENT UNIFORMS  
IN 2002

white vest over a navy shirt features "Chief Wahoo" on the left chest. The Indians also wear a solid navy blue hat with a script "I" worn with the home vest uniform. The home white, road gray, and road blue (script Indians) uniforms have navy blue and silver trim. Navy blue serves as the accent color for all of the uniforms (shoes, belts, socks, undershirts).

Gregory Drezdton



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## JACOBS FIELD DATES REMEMBERED

**April 4, 1994**

First game at Jacobs Field vs. the Seattle Mariners... President Bill Clinton throws out ceremonial first pitch.

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**May 13-June 19, 1994**

Indians win a franchise record 18 straight home games.

**May 14, 1994**

Paul Shuey equals Major League record by striking out 4 Tigers in one inning.

**July 3, 1994**

Indians retire Larry Doby's #14.

**December 8, 1994**

Indians awarded 68th All-Star Game in 1997.

**May 7, 1995**

Longest game by time (6:36) and inning (17.0) in franchise and Jacobs Field history with a 10-9 win over the Minnesota Twins

**June 4, 1995**

Down 8-0 in the third inning, the Indians rallied back to defeat Toronto 9-8 on a two-out, two-run homer by Paul Sorrento in the ninth inning.

**June 7, 1995**

Last non-sellout crowd (36,363) before streak began in Jacobs Field, watched the Indians defeat the Detroit Tigers, 3-2, in 10.0 innings.

**June 12, 1995**

Indians Major League record of 455 consecutive sellouts begins with a crowd of 41,845 vs. Baltimore.

**September 30, 1995**

Albert Belle hits his franchise record 50th homer off Kansas City's Melvin Bunch, becoming the first player ever to hit 50 HRs and 50 2Bs in the same season.

**October 1, 1995**

Indians finish season with a Major League record 30.0 game division lead. Previous record was 27.5 games by 1902 Pirates.

**October 24, 1995**

Indians win first World Series game since 1948 over Atlanta, 7-6.

## Structure of Jacobs Field

The exterior perimeter construction consists of 3' 6" Atlantic green granite; 1' 6" Kasota stone; 3' 0" Indiana limestone; 1' 6" Kasota; 3' 0" Limestone; 1' 6" Kasota; 3' 0" Limestone. Brick with reveals begins at 17' 0". Exposed structural steel above main concourse.

### SIX LEVELS:

**Service Level:** Clubhouses, maintenance

**Main Level:** At street level for lower deck seating

**Lower Suite Level:** Serving suites

**Club Suite Level:** Serving suites, club seats and mezzanine seating

**Press Suite Level:** Serving suites, Terrace Club and all press areas

**Upper Level:** Serving upper level seating

## Jacobs Field Dimensions

**Left Field:** 325'

**Left Center Field:** 370'

**Center Field:** 405'

**Right Center Field:** 375'

**Right Field Line:** 325'

**Left Field Wall (Ht):** 19'

**Height of Center Field and Right Field Fence:** 9'



## Jacobs Field Basics

Designed by: Hellmuth,  
Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.

### SEATING CAPACITY

Diamond Box	1,274
Field Box	5,535
Baseline Box	698
Lower Box	5,108
Infield Lower Box	972
Lower Reserved	3,085
Mezzanine	2,238
View Box	1,609
Infield Upper Box	968
Upper Box	7,116
Upper Reserved	4,680
Reserved GA	2,687
Corner GA	1,040
Bleachers	2,752
Suites	1,564
Club Seats	2,063

**TOTAL SEATS 43,389**

### Top 5 Home Run Distances



Gregory Drezdton

- 1. 511 ft** — Jim Thome, July 3, 1999 vs. Kansas City
- 2. 485 ft** — Mark McGwire, April 30, 1997 w/Oakland
- 3. 479 ft** — Jim Thome, July 17, 2000 vs. Houston
- 4. 478 ft** — Jim Thome, July 27, 1999 vs. Detroit
- 5. 477 ft** — Jim Thome, October 11, 1999 vs. Boston

**October 26, 1995**

Jim Thome's 436 foot bomb off Atlanta reliever Brad Clontz in Game 5 of the 1995 World Series on October 26, 1995.

**April 7, 1996**

Kenny Lofton becomes the franchise's all-time leader in stolen bases vs. Toronto.

**August 4, 1996**

Kenny Lofton scales the centerfield wall to take away a potential B.J. Surhoff homer.

**October 4, 1996**

Albert Belle hits a grand slam off Armando Benitez to break a 4-4 tie and defeat the Baltimore Orioles, 9-4, game 3 of the Division Series.

**April 30, 1997**

Mark McGwire hits the 2nd longest homer in Jacobs Field history, a 485 bomb off Orel Hersher off the Budweiser sign on the left field scoreboard.

**July 8, 1997**

The American League defeats the National League, 3-1, in the 68th All-Star Game.

**September 9, 1997**

The Indians set the Major League record for consecutive sellouts vs. Baltimore by selling out their 204th game. The Colorado Rockies sold out 203 straight before a non-sellout on September 6, 1997 vs. St. Louis.

**April 13, 1998**

Ken Griffey, Jr. becomes the 2nd youngest player in Major League history to reach 300 homers.

**April 15, 1998**

David Bell hits the first inside-the-park-homer in the history of the ballpark off Seattle's Randy Johnson.

**June 20, 1998**

Indians retire Bob Lemon's #21.

**June 24-25, 1998**

Mark McGwire hits homers number 34 (off Jaret Wright) and 35 (off Dave Burba) on his way to hitting a Major League record 70 homers in 1998.

**August 31, 1998**

Rickey Henderson becomes just the 6th player in Major League history to score 2000 runs with Oakland.

**Sept. 15-19, 1998**

Manny Ramirez hits three homers in one game vs. Toronto on 9/15. He tied several major league records by hitting five home runs over two games (9/15-16), six over three games (9/15-17) and eight over five.

**April 22, 1999**

300th consecutive sellout at Jacobs Field vs. Oakland

## Jacobs Field Top 10 Memories

(as voted on by members of  
the Indians front office)

1. Indians clinch first title  
since 1954 on  
September 8, 1995 vs.  
Baltimore

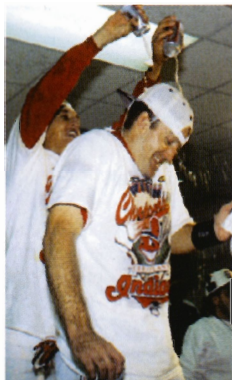


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2. First Game at Jacobs  
Field on April 4, 1994 vs.  
Seattle with the Indians  
coming from behind to  
defeat the Mariners on  
an 11th inning single by  
Wayne Kirby
3. Tony Pena's game-  
winning homer in the  
13th inning in Game 1 of  
the Division Series  
against Boston on  
October 3, 1995 to give  
the Tribe their first post-  
season win since  
October 11, 1948
4. 1997 Division Series  
games 4 and 5 against  
the New York Yankees  
highlighted by Sandy  
Alomar's homer off  
Yankees reliever Mariano  
Rivera in Game 4 of the  
Division Series on  
October 5, 1997 to tie  
the game and save the  
Tribe from post-season  
elimination

## JACOBS FIELD BY THE NUMBERS

### MATERIALS

<b>Bricks</b> 490,000 pieces;	<b>Concrete Masonry</b> 2,500,000 pieces;
<b>Precast</b> 7,500 pieces;	<b>Concrete</b> 64,000 cubic yards;
<b>Rebar</b> 7,060,930 feet;	<b>Structural Steel</b> 11,000 tons;
	<b>Video Cable</b> 100,000 miles

### SCOREBOARDS

Jacobs Field boasts the largest free-standing scoreboard in the United States. The Scoreboard stands directly over the bleacher section in left field and contains three different feature boards:

**Sony Jumbotron Full-color Instant Replay Board**  
(26' x 37');

**Game-In-Progress Board** (34' x 64'); displays line-ups, player and team stats, linescores; 34,816 lamps make-up the board.

**Starburst Color Board** (26' x 37'); displays animated sequences and colorful messages.

The Out-of-Town Board is embedded into the 19' high left field wall and features scores from both the American and National Leagues. It is supplemented by a One Glow Cube reflective display which will announce statistics, highlights and additional information about the other games going on.

There are three Auxiliary Scoreboards at Jacobs Field:

**Club Seat Facade:** (209' long, 7,296 lamps); displays line score, runs/hits/errors & balls/strikes/outs.

**Right Field Mezzanine** (173' long, 7,296 lamps); houses a logo panel as well as line score, runs/hits/errors.

**Lower Suites, 3rd Base Side** (173' long, 7,296 lamps); records balls/strikes/outs.

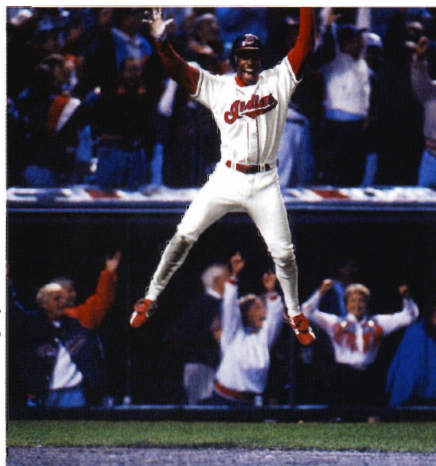


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Kenny Lofton celebrates Tony Pena's game-winning homer in the 13th inning in Game 1 of the 1995 Division Series.

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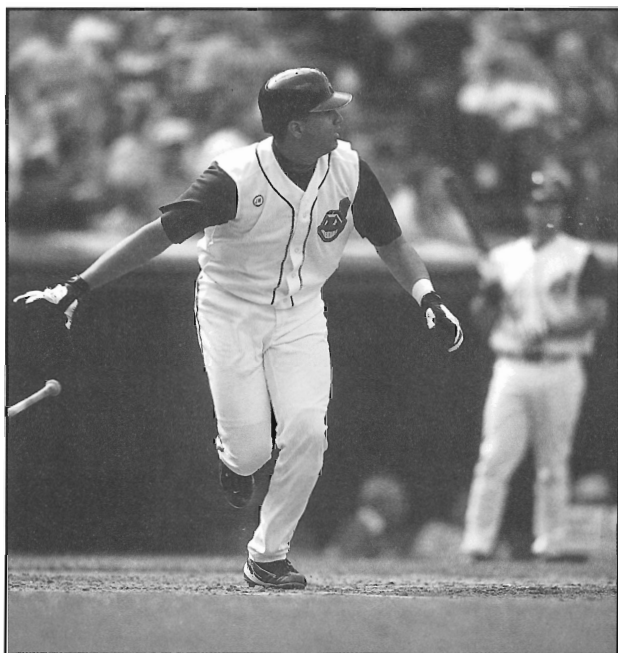


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2001 and 2002 Lou Boudreau Award recipient, Victor Martinez

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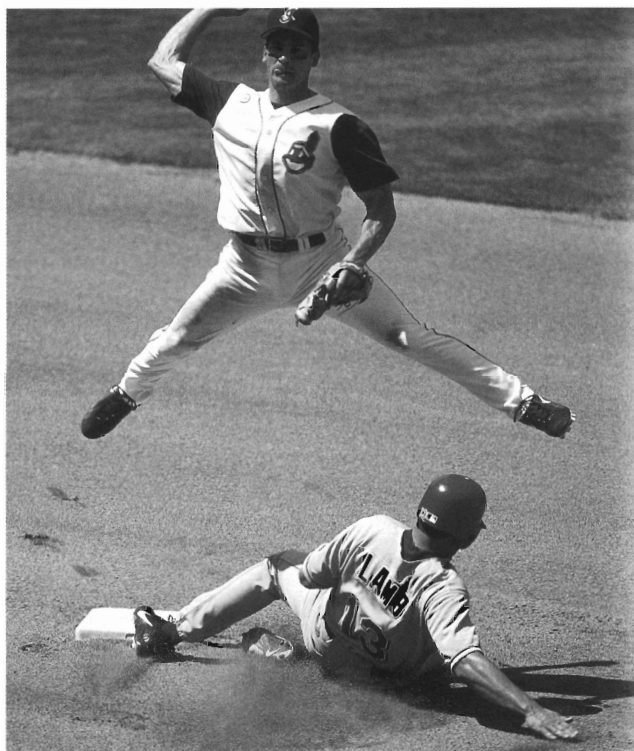


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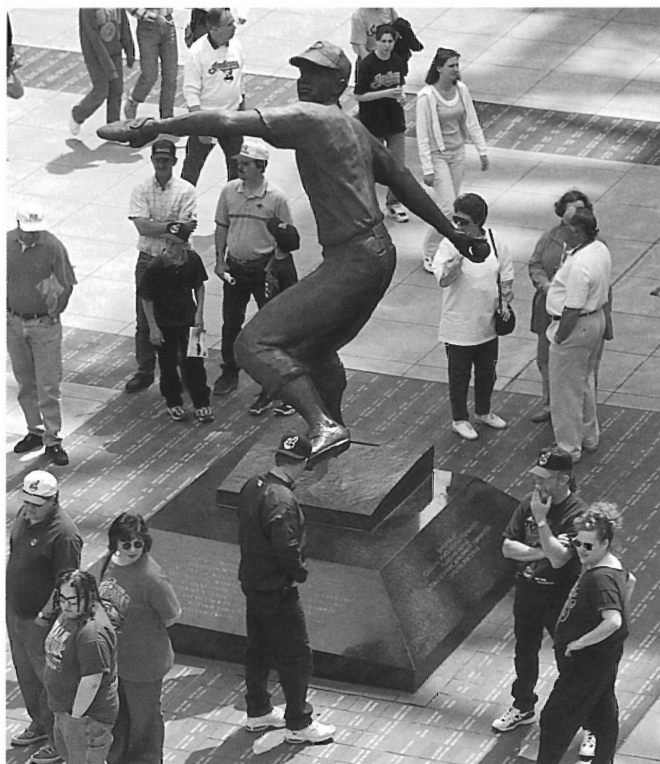


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balls and photos, street-pole banners, and more. Plus there will be a sealed-bid auction for memorabilia you won't find anywhere else. The event will be held in the concourse of Jacobs Field.

**Celebrity Golf Classic** – Monday, August 25 – presented by Medical Mutual – This year's event will be held in partnership with the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. Spend the day golfing with Indians players, coaches, alumni and broadcasters at Quail Hollow. The day includes great gifts, prizes, breakfast, lunch, cocktail dinner party, live auction and more. Individual registration or teams of five golfers are available.

**Jacobs Field Tours** – April through September – Experience the excitement of Cleveland's crown jewel with a behind-the-scenes tour of one of baseball's greatest ballparks. Tours are available May through September, Monday through Friday. Saturday tours are available when the team is on the road. Tours accommodate up to 40 people, last approximately one hour, are wheelchair accessible, and depart from the Jacobs Field Team Shop. Still and video cameras are welcome.

Jacobs Field tours include a visit to the Press Box, Bullpen, Club Lounge, Dugout, Batting Cages, and Party Suite. The Visitors Clubhouse is included in tours of Jacobs Field on select dates. (The tour route is subject to change.)

Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for youths 14 and under and senior citizens 60 and over. A group rate is available at 1:00 PM each day. Tour tickets are available at any Indians Team Shop, at the Main Box Office, at any Northern Ohio OfficeMax, or at [indians.com](http://indians.com). (The group rate is only available at the Main Box Office.)

With support from OfficeMax, a special school tour program is also available in April, May, early June, and all of September. Teachers will receive *Team Teacher*, a specially created, baseball-themed book of curriculum, when they book their class for a tour.

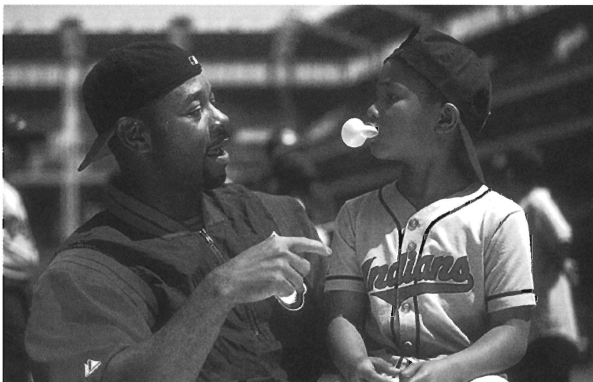


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**The Cleveland Indians ownership, staff, and players (Ellis Burks pictured) actively support local youth by contributing to a variety of local education and recreation programs.**

Teachers interested in bringing their class to Jacobs Field for a field trip they'll never forget should call to plan ahead to book their date and time.

For more information on Jacobs Field tours, call 216-420-4385.

**Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge** – June through September – Batter up for the 8th Annual Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge! This unique event offers teams of nine batters and three alternates the chance to step up to the plate at Jacobs Field in a hitting tournament. Registration includes practice time in the batting cages, your name on the scoreboard, commemorative gift, prizes each round, and more.

**In-park Silent Auction** – season long – Bidder up! Here's your chance to own a piece of the Tribe. New for 2003 will be silent auctions held at Jacobs Field during select home games. About 10 unique pieces of memorabilia will be up for auction each date, including signed items. Items will vary each date. Check out the auction table in the concourse on these dates: Sunday, April 13; Friday, May 16; Saturday, May 31; Friday, June 13; Saturday, June 28; Thursday, July 10; Sunday, July 13; Sunday, August 17. Dates are subject to change. Fans must be in attendance at the designated game to bid on items.

If you would like information on any Cleveland Indians Charities program, please call 216.420.4400 or send an e-mail to [cic@cleindians.com](mailto:cic@cleindians.com).

## CLEVELAND INDIANS MASCOT

**NAME:**  
SLIDER

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
Muppets Take Manhattan

**BIRTHDAY:**  
July 29, 1990

**FAVORITE SPORT:**  
Baseball, of course

**HEIGHT:**  
REALLY up there!

**FAVORITE INDIANS PLAYER:**  
YOU....the Tribe's 10th Man!!!!

**WEIGHT:**  
You don't EVEN want  
to know!

**BATS:**  
Yes!

**THROWS:**  
Anything and  
Everything!

**RESIDES:**  
"Underground..."  
behind home plate at  
Jacobs Field

**FAVORITE FOOD:**  
Hot Dogs, Popcorn,  
and Pizza

**FAVORITE  
BEVERAGE:**  
Strawberry Shake

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**  
Scooby Doo



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